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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. The claim amendments filed 4/16/2009 have not been entered as they raise new issues that require further consideration. Specifically the new requirement that the organometallic catalyst contain Zr or V was not previously considered.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments filed 4/16/2009 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

The arguments directed to the use of an organometallic compound containing Zr or V in the material are directed to limitations found in the non-entered amended claims, and therefor are considered moot.

The argument that titanium isopropoxide does not have a nanocrystalline form is not persuasive. Titanium isopropoxide is utilized in the examples provided in the instant specification (tetraisopropyl orthotitanate), and the materials produced therewith exhibit all the properties that are associated with a nanocrystalline catalyst structure disclosed in the instant specification. Additionally, a solid crystalline form of titanium isopropoxide is known, commonly referred to as titanium tetramethoxide ($\text{Ti}(\text{OCH}_3)_4$). Titanium isopropoxide is available in liquid form, but it is also known to exist in a crystalline state.

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